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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7381

BILL NUMBER: HB 1543

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voter Approval of Capital Projects.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Borders

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires local capital projects that will cost more than \$2,000,000 to be approved at a local referendum.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Current law provides that a petition and remonstrance process may be applied for in regards to the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions to pay certain debt services. This bill replaces the petition and remonstrance process with the requirement that such a proposal be approved through a local public question held at the local election. This could save the county auditor expenses associated with administering a petition and remonstrance process, depending on the staff time involved.

There should be no additional expenses related to including the public question in the local election.

Background: As of November 10, 2003, 60 schools had gone through the petition and remonstrance process for school construction projects. Thirty-one of the projects were approved and twenty-nine of the projects were rejected. Of the 29 rejections, a different project was then proposed and approved in about 15 cases.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Auditors.

Information Sources:

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